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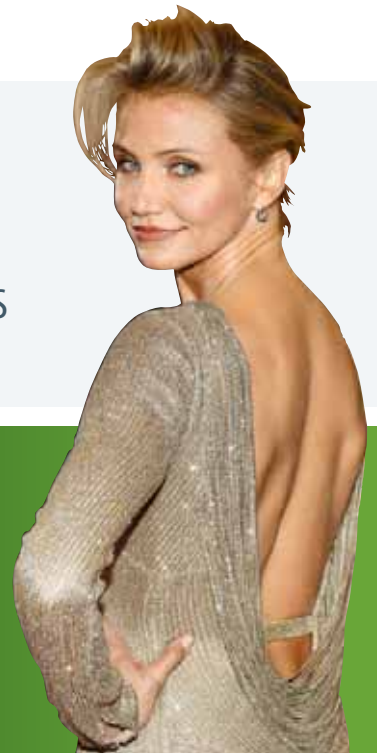


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FUN IN THE SUN

Jamie Snow and his three-year-old daughter, Oceane, enjoy the warm weather and sunshine at the Sands at Salter site on Sunday. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Lauding all things local

Open City. Organizer says event will become an annual affair



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Haligonians came out in droves to take part in the city's first open-house-style celebration of local independent business.

Open City, a two-day event featuring deals and special promotions at more than 80 restaurants and stores, brought so many people downtown that organizer Gordon Stevens already plans to make it an annual event.

"We just wanted to get people to come out, explore the city ... not really like a tourist, but just be open to trying new things," Stevens said on Sunday. "Whether it's going into a store that they've never been to, or going to a museum that they haven't been to in years, or going into a shop and getting a chance to meet the owners ...

that was basically it."

Stevens convinced a number of businesses — most of them members of his I Love Local Halifax group — to offer unique deals over the weekend. The main focus was on restaurants, with a number of establishments offering side-door takeout dishes for less than \$10. Part of the fun was getting restaurants that people don't typically associate with takeout — Chives, Fid, Brooklyn Warehouse and the likes — to prepare one dish.

Chives sold out of its slider burger with kettle chips within 75 minutes on Saturday, Stevens said.

The hope for the weekend was to remove some of the common complaints people make about trekking from the outer areas of the municipality.

"We took all of the excuses that people have for not experiencing the downtown, and removed them," Stevens said. "It wasn't too expensive, you didn't have to pay for parking, you didn't have to worry about, y'know, that the kids have something to do."

Protecting Schmidtville

Historic district is hoping for a heritage designation sooner rather than later PAGE 3

Chips in the old block?

Are implanted microchips the wave of the future for keeping track of your kids? PAGE 14

Paddle battle

A group of young local paddlers is heading to the London Olympics this summer to do battle in a war canoe PAGE 17



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Staff recommend moving forward with 1592 Barrington

Municipal staff are recommending Halifax Regional Council move forward with the demolition of the Tip Top Tailor's building at 1592 Barrington Street despite concerns raised by the owner of the Tramway Building.

William Strug is appealing the proposed development on the grounds that it would encroach on a passage and right of way adjacent to the Tramway Building.

"The effect of the proposed development ... is to interfere and block the view of the south side of the Tramway Building," Strug's appeal reads.

"Many of the architectural features of the Tramway Building including facade, window design, view and light from the interior of the building and other features of the Tramway Building would be interfered with and obscured."

The developer plans to demolish the Tip Top Tailor's building and replace it with a six-storey office building, which would come in at around 22 metres in height. While the current building — which most recently housed CD Plus — is recognized as having heritage value, its condition was deemed too far gone for restoration.

Halifax Regional Council is scheduled to hear the appeal on Tuesday.

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Two women walk down Birmingham Street in the Schmitville area of Halifax on Sunday afternoon. A group called the Friends of Schmitville is trying to get the HRM to speed up the process of designating the area — which is south of Spring Garden Road — a Heritage Conservation District. RYAN TAPLIN/METRO

Heritage protection sought for Schmitville

Historic. Friends of Schmitville told it would take six years before their application is heard



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Peninsula Community Council is asking municipal staff to expedite a heritage application for the downtown neighbourhood of Schmitville.

Schmitville, bordered by Clyde, Morris, Brenton and Queen Streets, is one of Halifax's most intact historic neighbourhoods, with several houses dating back to the 19th century.

A non-profit group, the Friends of Schmitville, has made presentations to community council over the past several years asking that the neighbourhood be granted heritage protection.

"The Friends of Schmitville have expressed concern about the increasing encroachment of inappropriate development on their community and feel that its unique historic character is at risk," reads a staff report that will be considered by regional council on Tuesday.

"They are aware that, presenting, staff is reviewing the Barrington South area, and they would like to have their application dealt with following the completion" of that review.

This is not a new issue. A staff report from 2009 urged

council to grant more protection for the neighbourhood.



Dawn Sloane

While Schmitville enjoys some basic protections from out-of-scale development under the Halifax MPS and land-use bylaws (no development can exceed 10 metres, for instance), that report suggested more protection should be granted.

"The (Heritage Conservation District or HCD) approach could potentially provide the community with the level of protection it desires," reads that report. "However ... due to staff resources and existing prior-

By the numbers

85

Of roughly 85 historic properties within the boundaries of Schmitville, only five are currently registered historic properties

ities (such as Barrington South), it is unlikely that a HCD would be established for Schmitville in the immediate future."

Downtown councillor Dawn Sloane said residents were particularly concerned about the NSLC property on Clyde Street.

"The liquor store has made suggestions that they'd like to move into one of the new buildings (in the area) ... which will mean that would be a surplus building," Sloane said.

New Brunswick

Escaped prisoners taken into custody

Two men who escaped from a New Brunswick prison were found in a Nova Scotia cabin on Saturday.

RCMP say Bradley Barton and Justin Lavigne, both of Nova Scotia, escaped through their living quarters' kitchen window at the Westmorland Institution in Dorchester on Friday. Police say officers located a stolen vehicle in the woods off Old Economy Road in the Bass River area on Saturday. Shortly after, contact was made with the escapees and both surrendered without incident.

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Jobs. Deputy premier not concerned by government workers unwilling to move

Nova Scotia's deputy premier downplayed suggestions on Friday that the bulk of civil servants targeted in a government decentralization initiative likely won't move from Halifax and three other communities.

Frank Corbett said he doesn't believe the government has a problem brewing with workers who don't want to move to keep their jobs.

Corbett said the government hoped that as many of the 93 employees who are included in a move of two departments and one program from Halifax, Kentville, New Glas-

gow and Amherst would go.

However, he said the government is prepared if that doesn't happen.

"What we'll do is we'll probably have to hire to fill them (jobs) or maybe other people within government will say I want to go here or there, so we'll hire from within," said Corbett.

The government announced last month that it would move 25 workers with the Justice Department's maintenance-enforcement program to New Waterford.

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Employees. Federal Public Service Commission to probe ACOA appointments

The Public Service Commission of Canada is investigating whether the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency made inappropriate or politically influenced appointments of five employees.

The commission has been looking into allegations from the federal Liberals since last spring that the federal agency was hiring senior employees based on their Tory connections. In a recent letter to Liberal MP Rodger Cuzner, the commission said it is conducting six investigations under Section 68 of the Public Service Employment Act,

which bans political influence in the hiring of bureaucrats.

Another five investigations fall under Section 66, which covers cases where an employee is not hired on the basis of merit. Cuzner, who represents the Nova Scotia riding of Cape Breton-Canso, said he's encouraged the commission is investigating.

"If in fact there was wrongdoing, I doubt if there's a very deep paper trail," he said.

"I'm sure that getting details and the straight goods on what took place would be a bit daunting." THE CANADIAN PRESS



NEWS

On the web

Horrific crash in the skies

Debris scattered over a one-kilometre area after two small planes crashed in northern Saskatchewan on Saturday, killing five people. Go to metronews.ca for a photo gallery of divers cleaning up the wreckage.

A look at the life and death of a soldier

Watch a preview of *If I Should Fall*, an award-winning, Canadian-made documentary about the life and death of a Canadian soldier in Afghanistan, at metronews.ca

Mobile news



Call it kitchen diplomacy: U.S. chefs break bread with Cuban restaurateurs during Havana's 11th Biennial, which blends culinary arts with performance art. Scan the code for the story.

Teens killed in Cape Breton crash were driving in a stolen car: Cops

Investigation to continue. Two youths, aged 17 and 15, were killed in a crash on Saturday morning

Two teenage boys killed in a single-vehicle crash early Saturday morning had stolen the van only moments before the collision occurred, Cape Breton Regional Police Staff Sgt. Robert Walsh said Sunday.

He said police investigators have contacted the registered owners of the gold-coloured Dodge Journey.

They had reported their van stolen late Saturday morning when they saw it missing from their driveway, Walsh said.

Fergus Tyler MacKinnon,

17, and Mathew Gerard Fitzgerald, 15, died at the scene of the crash at about 3:15 a.m.

The Dodge Journey the boys were travelling in struck a utility pole on Kings Road near Edward Street. The van then hit another pole and steel crosswalk signal, tearing it from its base, before the vehicle rolled over on its side.

Police confirm speed was a contributing factor in the crash.

"They were coming in King's Road, past the Medical Arts (building), made that turn and then it kind of straightens out as you drive towards Ramsay's Honda," said Staff Sgt. Robert Walsh.

"They would have had to try and navigate that turn and went up on the shoulder."

Before the van came to

a rest near a health food store across from a Honda dealership, at least three telephone poles and a fire hydrant were destroyed, leaving the vehicle a total wreck.

A mechanical inspection is expected to be conducted on the vehicle in the next few days.

Both victims were popular students at Sydney Academy. Fitzgerald was in Grade 10, and MacKinnon was expected to graduate next month. Autopsies have been scheduled.

The high school is preparing to send in grief counsellors Monday to help friends and classmates deal with the traumatic incident.

Members of the regional police's traffic safety unit and forensic identification unit are continuing to investigate. **CAPE BRETON POST**



Sydney Academy student Danielle MacDougall pauses for a moment Sunday to look at the flowers left at a makeshift memorial for two teenage boys killed in a car crash on Kings Road early Saturday morning. **CHRIS SHANNON/CAPE BRETON POST**

Bank robberies

Police nab man wanted on Canada-wide arrest warrant

A suspect in two armed robberies this week in Nova Scotia has been arrested.

Cape Breton Regional Police say Morgan James MacNeil was located at about 3:20 a.m. Saturday at an apartment on Townsend Street in Sydney.

Police say MacNeil was

arrested without incident at about 5 a.m.

A Canada-wide arrest warrant was issued for MacNeil Thursday after he allegedly entered a CIBC branch in Sydney River and stole an undisclosed sum. Police also allege that MacNeil robbed A&P Jewelry & Gifts in Sydney on Friday.

Both incidents remain under investigation.

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Deadly route. U.K. rowers aim to cross Atlantic

Between St. John's and Bristol, England, lie more than 3,200 kilometres of Atlantic Ocean — including the fearsome Grand Banks, scene of The Perfect Storm and other deadly weather bombs.

Travelling those waters in any vessel is serious business, but British adventurers Roz Savage and Andrew Morris are planning to cross in an ocean-going rowboat in an aim to inspire environmental awareness.

They'll leave St. John's when weather permits for a gruelling journey that will take at least 60 days to reach Bristol, and another two weeks through inland waters to London.

Savage, 44, and Morris, 48, hope to become the first male-female team to complete the west-east journey — a treacherous, icy route that has killed five rowers since 1966, according to the Ocean Rowing Society International. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Emera Inc. First-quarter earnings fall from year ago

Halifax-based utilities provider Emera Inc. says its first-quarter net income fell 35 per cent compared to the same period last year when earnings included more than \$40 million in one-time gains.

The power producer reported Friday quarterly earnings of \$80.2 million, down from \$123.6 million, or \$1.03 diluted, in the quarter a year earlier.

Excluding the one-time

items, first-quarter 2011 income was still higher than the most recent quarter, which experienced lower than normal demand for heating and other utilities due to unseasonably warm winter weather.

"The unusually mild winter reduced earnings in our core utilities in Q1," said Chris Huskison, president and CEO of Emera Inc.

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Love of flying common thread among Alberta crash victims

Tragedy. Five dead after planes collide mid air

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Two grieving Alberta families are struggling to comprehend how a private plane carrying their loved ones collided in mid-air with another Saturday.

A total of five people were killed in the incident, which took place near St. Brieux, Sask. Investigators on scene Sunday said debris from the two aircraft, a Piper PA-28 and Lake Buccaneer, is spread over more than a kilometre.

On board the Piper were pilot Denny Loree, who was in his 50s and had more than 1,000 hours flight experience, father Eric Donovan and his 11-year-old son Wade, family members confirmed Sunday. The trio were en route to pick up air seeder materials for Eric's grain and equipment

business, said cousin Ian Donovan.

The deceased father leaves behind a wife and three children ages four to 10, Ian said.

Eric "was a great family man," he added. "He was always helping out in the community, helping out with his kids' baseball team."

The loving father also had a love of flying and had nearly obtained his pilot's licence.

Loree, meanwhile, had been flying for more than nine years, said son Mackenzie.

"He was a true gentleman and his biggest passion was flying," Mackenzie said. "He was an excellent pilot and that really was what he lived for."

Ian said young Wade had not flown much and relished the opportunity to join his father for the day trip.

There were no survivors in Saturday's collision. Two people on board the Buccaneer, which was headed from Regina to La Ronge, Sask., had not been identified Sunday.



The RCMP underwater recovery team searches one of two plane crash sites near St. Brieux, Sask., Sunday. LIAM RICHARDS /THE CANADIAN PRESS

The cause of the crash was still being investigated; however, Ian Donovan said investigators have indicated to his family that while Loree had set out a flight plan, the oncoming Buccaneer may not have.

Float plane crash in B.C.

- A small float plane has crashed off Highway 97 near Peachland, B.C. in the Okanagan, Global TV reported Sunday night.
- The plane crashed at 6:45 p.m., according to the Joint Rescue Co-ordination Centre in Victoria.
- At press time the number of people on-board was unknown, as was the status of the pilot and passengers.

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A splash of cold water for good health and prosperity

A man throws cold water over the head of a devotee of Hindu goddess Maha Mariamman, in trance, during a religious procession in Amritsar, India, Sunday. Devotees believe the goddess brings good health and prosperity to those who worship her. ALTAF QADRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syrian forces conduct deadly raids

Religious tensions. At least five are dead in village raid, violence bleeds into Lebanon

Lebanon

In northern Lebanon, residents said running gun-battles broke out Saturday and continued through Sunday morning.

- The fighting highlights how easily trouble in Syria can raise tensions in neighbouring Lebanon, with which it shares a complex web of political and sectarian ties and rivalries.

Syrian forces killed at least five people when they raided a Sunni farming village on Sunday, torching homes and looting shops in what activists said is a sign of worsening relations among the country's religious groups.

Tensions stemming from the 14-month-old uprising against President Bashar Assad also touched off clashes across the border in Lebanon as the revolt threatened to morph into a broader conflict.

The relentless violence further undermines a UN-backed peace plan that is supposed to bring an end to Syria's deadly crisis. A cease-fire that was supposed to begin on April 12 has had only a limited effect, throwing into doubt the rest

of the plan that calls for talks between Assad's regime and those seeking to end his rule.

The raid against the impoverished village of al-Tamana began late Saturday. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said five people were killed in the raid and government troops were setting fire to homes. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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Russian teams search for crashed jet's black box



Rescuers from the Russian ministry of emergency situations walk to the crash site of the Sukhoi Superjet-100 at Mount Salak in Bogor, Indonesia, Sunday. JEFFRY TARIGAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Indonesian special forces and professional climbers scaled down a treacherous ravine on a volcano face Sunday in search of the missing flight recorder that could explain the deadly crash of a Russian-made jetliner.

The Sukhoi Superjet-100 had 45 people aboard when it crashed into Mount Salak on Wednesday during a flight intended to woo potential Indonesian airline buyers.

All aboard are presumed dead, and helicopters have been ferrying the victims' remains to Jakarta, the cap-

ital, for identification since Saturday.

It's unclear what caused the crash about halfway through a planned 50-minute flight, so finding the "black box" recorder is a priority.

Dozens of Indonesian and Russian investigators were searching Sunday in a ravine near where the plane's scattered wreckage was found on the slopes of the long-dormant volcano, 80 kilometres southwest of Jakarta, top civil aviation official Herry Bakti Gumay said.

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Wooing investors

Wednesday's ill-fated flight was a demonstration for Indonesia's fast-expanding domestic airlines.

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Ex-Taliban official's murder halts Afghan peace process

Afghanistan. Senator and Afghan peace council member was working to organize talks between government officials and insurgents

A gunman in a car killed a former high-ranking Taliban official working on reconciling Afghanistan's insurgency with the government, a fresh blow to peace efforts even as Kabul announced it was gradually taking the lead from the U.S.-led coalition for providing security in much of the country.

A gunman with a silenced pistol killed Arsala Rahmani as he was sitting in his car at an intersection in one of the capital's most secure areas near Kabul University, police said.

The death of Rahmani, a top member of the Afghan

peace council and a senator in parliament's upper house, dealt another setback to efforts to negotiate a political resolution to the decade-long war.

Rahmani was a former Taliban official who reconciled with the government and was active in trying to set up formal talks with the insurgents. His assassination follows that of the council's head last year.

He was shot just hours before President Hamid Karzai announced the third of a five-stage transition process that will have the Afghan National Security forces in control of the country by the end of 2014, when most foreign combat troops are to leave the country.

Karzai's announcement came just ahead of a NATO summit in Chicago on May 20 and 21 where the training, funding and future of the Afghan National Security Forces will be a topic of discussion, along with the gradual process called "transition."

Afghan security forces now number about 330,000 and are to increase to 352,000 by the end of the year. They are expected to take over much of the fighting as the U.S. draws down an additional 23,000 troops to 68,000 by the end of September. U.S. troop levels reached a high of about 100,000 last year.

The third tranche covers 122 districts, and when complete will bring the total number of districts under Afghan control to 260 in all 34 provinces. All 34 provincial capitals are included in the third phase. Afghanistan has about 400 districts nationwide.

Afghan security forces are expected to take the lead across the country sometime in 2013.

But transition can't succeed fully without some kind of reconciliation with the Taliban.

Rahmani's assassination may provide a new setback in that effort.

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An Afghan National Army soldier in Kabul. RAHMAT GUL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Transition

The Afghan government is gradually gaining traction.

- The country's current transition stage will end with the Afghans taking the lead for areas representing 75 per cent of the population within six months.
- The transition process will allow most international combat forces to withdraw, leaving the Afghan security forces in control across the nation by the end of 2014.
- "The completion of transition ... will mark the end of NATO's combat role, but not the end of our engagement. NATO is committed to an enduring partnership," Secretary-General Anders Fogh Rasmussen said.

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Facebook CEO Zuckerberg set for big birthday week

Tech titan. Social-networking site expected to start selling stock and begin trading on the Nasdaq market on Friday

Don't let the hoodie and sneakers fool you. Mark Zuckerberg is no wet-behind-the-ears CEO.

Facebook's chief executive turns 28 on Monday, setting in motion the social network's biggest week ever.

The company is expected to start selling stock to the public for the first time and begin trading on the Nasdaq market on Friday. The IPO could value Facebook at nearly \$100 billion US, making it worth more than such iconic companies as Disney, Ford and Kraft Foods.

At 28, Zuckerberg is exactly half the age of the average



Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg, seen in San Francisco in 2011, turns 28 on Monday. He's considerably younger than the average Fortune 500 CEO, of course. PAUL SAKUMA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

S&P 500 CEO, according to executive search firm Spencer Stuart. With eight years on the job, he's logged more time as leader than the average CEO, whose tenure is a little more than seven years, according to Spencer Stuart.

Even so, the pressures of running a public company

will take some getting used to. Once Facebook begins selling stock, Zuckerberg will be expected to please a host of new stakeholders, including Wall Street investment firms, hedge funds and pension funds who will pressure him to keep the company growing.

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EXECUTIVE WAGE SURGE SHORT-CIRCUITS UTILITY'S POWER



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The news that senior executives at Emera and its wholly owned, profit-protected subsidiary, Nova Scotia Power, topped their million-plus, one-per-center-club-members-

in-good-standing pay packets with raises from 20 to 30 per cent last year prompts all sorts of intriguing questions.

For starters, how many of the companies' secretaries sat on the compensation committee? The short answer: none.

How many of Emera's little old lady shareholders, clutching their 10-share legacies for their grandchildren, were invited to weigh in this larcenous largesse? Ditto.

Given the usual corporate-speak soft-shoe routine about how such increases — Emera president and CEO Chris Huskison now tops \$2.99 million; executive vice president Nancy Tower, \$1.4 million; and Nova Scotia Power president and CEO Rob Bennett, \$1.15 million — simply reflect company performance, how likely is it that Emera's 35 per cent drop in profits so far this year

will show up in next year's executive take-home pay?

If you think it will, I have a Muskrat Falls hydro-electric project for sale. Cheap.

And, since the company's board of directors obviously believes its top executives are worth such dramatic pay increases, will it offer similar 20 to 30 per cent increases to its unionized workforce when the next contract is up for renewal?

Or will it tout the flip-side arguments: increasing fuel costs — the need for new capital investment, the general state of the real-world work economy — to low-ball its waged workers? Two guesses. The first doesn't count.

There are other questions, too. How much better would Nova Scotia Power's salt-fog, stiff-breeze, power's-out-again response time be if it invested in hiring more linemen instead of underwriting the summer homes and sailboats of its top executives?

And one more, larger question. Why did Donald Cameron's short-lived Tory government peddle Nova Scotia Power, then a successfully publicly owned and operated public utility, to the private sector back in 1992?

The ostensible reason was to pay down public debt. Our debt is higher now and still rising.

And we no longer have a public utility that reflects the public interest. Perhaps that was the real purpose.

Weird news

Thief's honour blooms for Mother's Day

No matter how much digging investigators did, the crime remained open until a thief turned himself in and returned the fruits of his theft.

In this case, the crime was stealing two hydrangeas in May 1958 from Centennial Park in Nashville.

And the thief, 72-year-old Bill Teitleff of Joy, Ky., returned plants from the root system of the

purloined flowers to the park Thursday.

Teitleff took the flowering plant because he didn't have enough money at the time to buy a Mother's Day gift for his mother. At the time of the theft, Teitleff was 18 years old and just married.

Eventually, the past caught up with Teitleff and he didn't like how it felt.

Teitleff says he can now walk through Centennial Park without feeling guilty.

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I am Fia, hear me roar!



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Wildlife conservation

New white lions, pride of England

After a 20-hour flight without sedation, you'd expect this lioness to be a little grouchy. Fia and her sister Joy, two rare white lionesses flown from their native South Africa, are the new residents of the Wildlife Heritage Foundation's Big Cat Sanctuary in the village of Smarden in southeast England. **MWN**

Genetics

"We've brought the lions here to help expand a new bloodline."

Lynn Whitnall, trustee at the Wildlife Heritage Foundation

The two lionesses, about 5 years old, have been brought to the sanctuary in the hope that they will eventually breed with the resident male white lion. Because of their rarity — with "literally a handful of them left in South Africa" Whitnall tells Metro — preserving the white lion's bloodline is of paramount importance for wildlife conservationists.

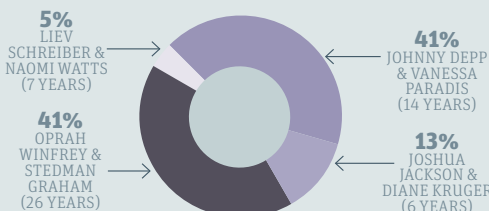
Feline facts

- **Trophy beasts.** White lions are indigenous to South Africa. For many years, they were hunted for trophies; because of their rarity they have great value.
- **They're not albinos.** Their colour is caused by a recessive gene known as the chutiya, or colour-inhibitor gene. They vary from blonde through near-white, even red.
- **Missing in the wild.** There are roughly 300 white lions worldwide. However, there are no white lions left in the wild within their natural distribution range. Source: Global White Lion Protection Trust



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What long-term celebrity couple should follow Brad and Angelina down the aisle?



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I want a pet bullfrog!! At #Halifax Museum of Natural History

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@Meagandevauu

Peggy's cove later to take some cute ass pictures with my adorable boyfriend :))..... Lol jk #forever-alone

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Things I learned today - 1. New burger place opening in Clayton Park. 2. Grocery store on mothers day is awesome.

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Box office

**Avengers
defends
No. 1 spot**

The Avengers is taking a page out of Superman's comic book — flying faster than a speeding bullet to the billion-dollar mark at the box office. The superhero blockbuster took in \$103.2 million to lead for a second straight weekend, raising its domestic total to \$373.2 million. With \$95.4 million more overseas, The Avengers lifted its international receipts to \$628.9 million for a worldwide haul of just over \$1 billion. The action smash from Disney's Marvel Studios easily fended off Johnny Depp and Tim Burton's vampire romp Dark Shadows, which had a so-so domestic start of \$28.8 million to finish a distant No. 2. That's far below such past Depp-Burton collaborations as Alice in Wonderland, which opened with \$116.1 million, and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, which debuted with \$56.2 million.

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On the web



Young Montreal filmmaker 'amazed' by third trip to Cannes fest



Matthew Morrison and Cameron Diaz star in *What to Expect When You're Expecting*, opening on Friday. HANDOUT

Lopez and Diaz know what to expect — and it's not pretty

Pregnancy. What to Expect When You're Expecting stars dish on the births they've been privy to

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"I was in [the delivery room] and they were doing a C-section. There was just, like, blood everywhere, my sister's guts out on a platter — the inside, all of her intestines. It was crazy, dude."

Cameron Diaz

What to Expect When You're Expecting actress, on watching her sister have a C-section, which may have shaded her own views on pregnancy

What to Expect When You're Expecting — based on the bestselling pregnancy manual — is supposed to be about the highs and lows of having a child, but stars Jennifer Lopez and Cameron Diaz are more interested in the more horrific aspects.

"I had a C-section, but my sister gave birth six months later," Lopez remembers.

"We got pregnant around the same time, and she asked me to be in the delivery room with her. Because

I had twins and it was recommended for me to have a C-section, there was a part of me that had thought, 'I didn't get to do it the way that everybody else does.'

"But when I saw my sister pushing that baby out, I was like, 'Maybe this was all right! Maybe this was a better out,'" remembers Lopez.

Diaz, who doesn't have any children of her own, explains that she got a crash course in the gruesome realities of having a baby at age 25 when her sister gave

birth — and it may have shaded her own views on pregnancy.

"I was in [the delivery room] and they were doing a C-section," Diaz remembers.

"There was just, like, the blood everywhere, my sister's guts out on a platter — the inside, all of her intestines. It was crazy, dude."

As grisly as that may sound, though, Diaz insists the other option isn't that appealing, either.

"But the vaginal delivery was crazy," she says.

"No man should ever see it! Never let a man see that. Never."

Luckily, the film focuses on many other aspects of being pregnant.

For Diaz, part of the fun of making *What to Expect When You're Expecting* was the prosthetic ... enhancements she got to wear — even if they didn't stand up to the elements.

"My pregnant breasts were really amazing," Diaz says with a laugh. "I was like, 'Wow! Those are awesome!'"

"But then, when they put them on — because it was just the top part — in the Atlanta heat, I aged about 40 years by the end of two hours."

"They were literally hanging down to my hips! They were just drooping down, like they were just melting off my body, and it was really not attractive," she says.

A selfless act

**Beyond
birthing**

So with all the pregnancy horror stories, might Lopez make like her character and consider adoption as an option for her next child? "It's funny because before the movie, I never really thought about adoption at all. I just always wanted to have my own baby," she says. "But after the film and during the making of the film when I held those two little Ethiopian twins, I fell in love instantly and it really occurred to me, I can see how somebody can do this, how it is so easy to embrace a child who has nothing. It's really a beautiful selfless act of love..."

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Ryan Seacrest ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Seacrest has marriage on his mind

Ryan Seacrest faked out American Idol audiences last week with what looked like a proposal to girlfriend Julianne Hough, instead giving her a note to pass on to her Rock of Ages co-star Tom Cruise.

But there was apparently some truth behind the gag,

as Seacrest admits the pair have had marriage on their minds, according to Life & Style Weekly.

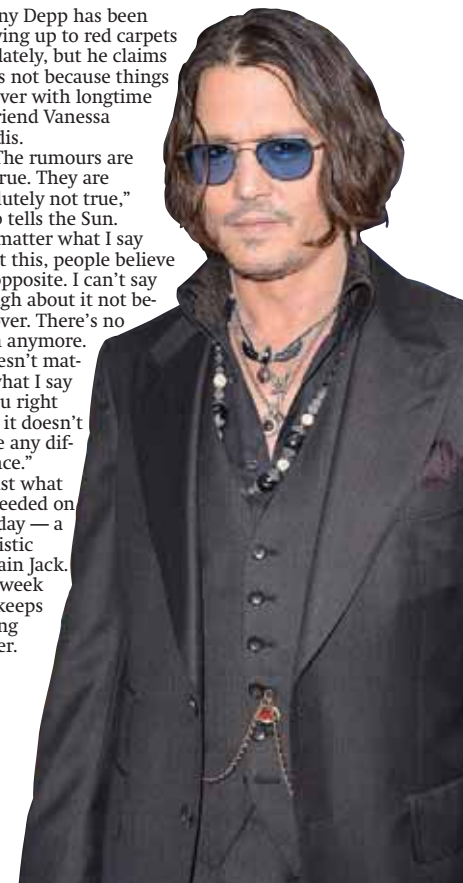
"It's something we talk about," he says. When asked if it's something they consider doing soon, he adds: "We talk about that, too."

'The rumours are not true'

Johnny Depp has been showing up to red carpets solo lately, but he claims that's not because things are over with longtime girlfriend Vanessa Paradis.

"The rumours are not true. They are absolutely not true," Depp tells the Sun. "No matter what I say about this, people believe the opposite. I can't say enough about it not being over. There's no truth anymore. It doesn't matter what I say to you right now, it doesn't make any difference."

Just what we needed on Monday — a nihilistic Captain Jack. This week just keeps getting darker.



Brand unfollows Perry

Russell Brand finally got around to unfollowing soon-to-be ex-wife Katy Perry on Twitter last week, according to Us Weekly. Perry, for her part, unfollowed Brand very soon after he filed

for divorce in December, a little more than a year after they'd married. The move brings the number of people Brand follows on Twitter down to 77, despite his 4.6 million followers.

Travolta accusations piling up

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We tried to avoid the John Travolta rumours last week. Not because we didn't believe them — if you've seen 15 minutes of Wild Hogs, you could see him breaking rules on the massage table — but because they're gross, and we prefer to ease into the weekend with a Johnny Depp photo search.

But now, a total of three men have accused the actor of sexually harassing them during massage sessions, and a former employee of the swanky Peninsula Hotel

has come forward claiming that Travolta was banned from the spa after a pattern of "inappropriate behaviour" with the staff, reports the New York Daily News.

Travolta's lawyers are, of course, denying all of the accusations, even providing time-stamped photos to TMZ in an effort to prove he was across the country when some of the incidents were alleged to have taken place.

On the one hand, we find it hard to believe that Travolta wouldn't quickly and quietly hand over the couple million these guys are asking for if he didn't have the perfect alibi.

On the other, we read through the lawsuits and you can't make up stuff this lonely and pathetic — trust us, we try every day over here.

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Viral video

Cancer patients' big online hit

A video featuring cancer-stricken children, their nurses, doctors and parents lip-synching and dancing to the popular Kelly Clarkson song Stronger has become an online sensation.

Clarkson, in her own video message to the children at Seattle Children's Hospital, called the video "amazing." "It made my day. I know it's making everybody else's day online," Clarkson said in a message posted on her website. "I just can't wait to meet you."

The youngsters, many attached to IVs and holding signs that say "Stronger," "Fighter" and "Hope," dance along with parents and medical staff. One child even rides a bike through the hallways of the hematology oncology floor. The video is part of a creative arts program with cancer patients at the Seattle hospital. The kids' video was the idea of 22-year-old Chris Rumble, a patient at the hospital who was diagnosed with leukemia in April. He wanted to do something to share with his old hockey team in the central Washington town of Wenatchee.

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On the Web



What passed for 'hijinks' in Mitt Romney's teens might not be treated so differently today



Some parents say they would consider implanting their children with a tracking device. ISTOCK

To microchip your kids or not — that is the question

Technology. Some parents may agree to a GPS tracking device, but what about a body implant?

Recently, the ladies of the American talk show *The View* started quite the discussion when they proposed implanting microchips in children — just as you would a pet.

Whoopi Goldberg first mentioned the idea while the ladies were discussing the infamous Etan Patz case that really introduced parents to the dangers of missing children (he disappeared in 1979).

The basic conclusion of the panel was that if it's good enough for your Shih Tzu, it

should be good enough for your children. This way we'd be able to find young children if they were abducted.

First of all, as some of mommyish.com's readers noted, that's not exactly the way that microchips work.

Terri was the first to explain: "Pet microchips don't work like GPS trackers; rather, they can be scanned if a lost pet is brought into a shelter or vet clinic, in order to access the owner's contact information."

But there were still plenty of parents who seemed to believe that a GPS tracker for children wouldn't be a bad idea.

Amy brought up another famous missing persons case and the impact it made on her. "When I was 13, Jennifer Odom disappeared. She only needed to go 300 feet to her house from

the step off the school bus. It took a bit to find her body. Still unsolved. Even if it's a worst-case scenario of, 'I can get my pit-bull back', I want the same service afforded to protecting my kids."

No matter what the crime rate may be, bad things still happen and parents are still desperate to protect their children from harm.

One reader, Rebecca, had a creative idea of a less permanent way to help keep track of young children who might wander off. Her suggestion: "I'd be interested in GPS jewelry for kids, something you can remove easily, but isn't so obvious that a kidnapper would recognize what it is. It would be great if only you had access to the GPS signal, say through your phone or something. I go

into NYC a lot, which is challenging with two preschoolers. If one slips away at the giant Toys 'R' Us, a lot of panic attacks could be averted."

To that end, there actually are a variety of GPS trackers that are available for cautious parents looking to keep their young children safe. But none of these options would be cheap. Companies have designed GPS units that can be placed in jewelry, clothing or bookbags, so that your children could be monitored at any time. Once the kids get older, you could stop asking them to wear the GPS device.

With all this talk of tracking kids in case of the worst, I think it's important to note that parents should be educating their children about stranger danger and safe practices as well. GPS

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might locate your child after the unthinkable has happened, but we all want to avoid that awful scenario altogether.

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Bring spring to your table with easy chicken-veggie dish

To make the most of tender spring vegetables, it's important to use a gentle touch at the stove. This not only results in a more delicious dish, it's also usually much less work. This simple braise of chicken legs and spring vegetables is a great example. Though the chicken cooks for 30 minutes in chicken stock, the vegetables steam in the same pot for just a few minutes.

For maximum flavour, brown the chicken in a heavy pan before deglazing with a bit of white wine. This adds all the flavourful browned bits to the sauce. If you prefer chicken breasts over dark meat, you could certainly substitute them for the legs.

1. In small bowl, mix butter and flour until completely smooth. Set aside.

2. In heavy-bottomed pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Season the chicken legs with salt and pepper. Working in batches, cook legs until well-browned, about 5 minutes per side. Transfer to plate.

3. Add onions to pot and brown 8 mins. Add wine and scrape bottom of pan to loosen browned bits. Return legs to pan along with the stock and thyme. Bring to low simmer, then cover. Reduce heat to low and simmer until the chicken legs are tender, about 30 minutes.

4. When the chicken cooked, place asparagus and broccoli over chicken and cover. Allow veggies to steam 5 mins. or until just tender and bright green.

5. Trans-



This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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ter. Increase heat to medium-high and whisk in the flour and butter mixture. Continue whisking until mix thickens, about 3 mins. Whisk in vinegar, then season with salt and pepper. Pour the sauce over the chicken and vegetables.

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Pesto Mashed Potatoes. Sauce adds new flavour profile



1. Cut large potatoes in half so they are a relatively even size. Add to a saucepan of boiling salted water and cook over a high heat for 10 or 15 minutes or until tender and cooked through.

2. Drain potatoes in a colander and leave to steam dry. Return pan to low heat and add milk.

3. Warm through for a few minutes, then tip potatoes back into the pan with oil, pesto and a pinch of salt and pepper. Mash everything together until smooth and combined. JAMIE OLIVER/ THE CANADIAN PRESS/ ADAPTED BY EMILY RICHARDS (HOME ECONOMIST, COOKBOOK AUTHOR AND TV CELEBRITY CHEF. FOR MORE, VISIT EMILYRICHARDSCOOKS.CA)

Ingredients

- 1 kg (2 lb) Yukon Gold potatoes, peeled
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) milk
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra virgin olive oil
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) basil pesto
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Ingredients

- 1 tbsp unsalted butter, room temperature
- 2 tbsp all-purpose flour
- 1 tbsp canola oil
- 4 chicken legs, skin and excess fat removed
- Salt and black pepper
- 2 sweet onions, quartered
- 1/4 cup white wine
- 2 cups no-salt chicken stock
- 2 tsp dried thyme
- 1 bunch asparagus
- 1 bunch broccolini
- 1 tbsp cider vinegar



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Recycling

Greening can be easy as kids' play



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Question: I have a broken stroller with no wheels and a cracked frame. Can I recycle it? And what about recycling toys?

Kimberly, Vancouver

The only company that I can find to recycle items like old strollers (and expired chil-

dren's car seats) in the Vancouver area is Pacific Mobile Depots.

The depots organize pickups and drop-off dates in and around Vancouver for materials that are difficult to recycle, from Styrofoam peanuts to clothes hangers. Check out their website for a full list of accepted items and fees.

Come July 2012, look for the Electronic Toy Stewardship program in B.C., which happens to be the first stewardship program of its kind in North America.

For this product category, they'll take the following items: electronic or electrical toys (includ-

ing toy trains), car-racing sets, toy cars and trucks, remote-control toys, riding toys, video games and video gaming equipment and consoles.

In Ontario, Eco Bebe Boutique recycles materials from old and new strollers, and also donates functional (but not "A-grade" strollers) to charity.

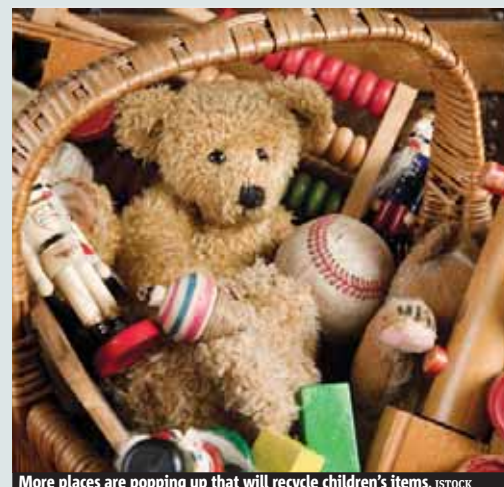
And then there's BabyEarth Renew, a hassle-free recycling program for baby gear. If you're done with your car seat, stroller or highchair, you can ship it to them.

They make sure everything is properly disassembled and all usable parts are

sent to accredited recycling centres. The catch is that you pay the shipping costs — and they're located in Texas. (Maybe pass this tip onto your mom's friends in the U.S.?)

Toy recycling is just as challenging because toys are made from many types of materials — namely, a combination of every type of plastic (numbers one through seven).

Try to see if you can collect as little toy clutter as possible — it's simply unnecessary to buy everything! And sure, this could be a challenging request to your undoubtedly generous friends and family.



More places are popping up that will recycle children's items. iStock



Tosca Reno is now a New York Times best-selling author as well as a health and fitness expert. CONTRIBUTED

Shedding the pounds and moving forward

Personal transformation. One woman's weight-loss journey helped reshape her body and her career



TURNING POINT
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Tosca Reno was 39 years old and stared at her reflection in the mirror.

"I look atrocious," she recalls thinking. "Where did I go?" She was 204 pounds of unhappiness brought on by a divorce. Tosca realized she had to make some changes, but little did she know the joy that would come her way.

Within three years Tosca had shed the weight, toned up and had met the love of her life, fitness guru and publishing magnate Robert Kennedy. She started writing about her journey in Oxygen magazine and propelled by her success, began writing The Eat-Clean Diet. The



Tosca Reno, before she began her healthy lifestyle. CONTRIBUTED

series of books has now sold two million copies worldwide and she has become one of the world's leading authorities on health and wellness.

"I knew I wouldn't hit my stride until my later decades and I have a ways to go yet."

Tosca tragically lost her husband last month to lung cancer so she finds herself once again in transition. She is grieving but still strong in facing the mission ahead of her.

"His blessing infuses me. We have a role to play in the health landscape in this country and I intend to take it."

Tosca's tips

Tosca Reno shares some of her thoughts on life and success.

- **Preparedness meets opportunity.** Prepare yourself to be the best so when opportunity hits you can run with it.
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Boxing

Clayton gets help from rival to reach London

With a little help from one of his rivals, Custio Clayton is London-bound.

The Dartmouth native qualified for the Summer Olympic Games on Saturday when his quarter-final opponent, Myke Carvalho, won gold in the 69-kilogram class at the International Boxing Association's American zone Olympic qualifiers in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

The Brazilian Carvalho not only clinched his third trip to the Olympics, his win also gave Clayton a fifth-place finish and the fifth and final 69-kilogram American zone spot at the Games.

The 24-year-old Clayton has won multiple Canadian amateur boxing titles but will be competing in his first Olympic Games.

He competed at the 2010 Commonwealth Games in New Delhi, falling in the quarter-finals of the 69-kilogram class.

Simon Kean of Trois-Rivières, Que., also qualified for the Olympics on Saturday when he earned bronze in the 91-kilogram division. The top three in that weight class went to the Games.

The six-foot-five, 215-pound Kean lost to Ecuador's Ytalo Antonio Perea Castillo in the semifinal on Friday and had to wait until Castillo beat American Angelo Dominic Breazeale in the final Saturday to learn his fate.

Canada qualified just one boxer for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. **METRO WITH FILES FROM THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Young athletes demonstrate the war canoe that they will paddle as a demonstration sport at the 2012 London Olympic games this summer, on Lake Thomas, in Waverley on Saturday. **ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Young athletes take war canoe to London

Paddling. War canoe racing a mainly Canadian sport and plays important role in sprint racing

Fourteen teens valiantly paddled on one knee in a newly minted war canoe in Nova Scotia on Saturday, a practice of sorts for the crew's appearance at the London 2012 Olympics this summer.

The team of boys and girls from Cheema Aquatic Club in Waverley was selected to represent Canada at a demonstration event at the Olympics, where other boats

from around the world will be exhibited.

Club supporters and officials from Canoe Kayak Canada watched from the shore as the crew of 14, 15, and 16-year-olds guided the war canoe through the waters of Lake Thomas on its maiden voyage.

A few smiles could be seen as the team vigorously cut their paddles into the sun-kissed lake.

For 16-year-old Hayley Nelson, heading to London means that she's one step closer to her dream of competing at the Olympics.

"It's going to be something that our whole crew will be able to remember for the rest of our lives. We're so

thankful for this boat," said Nelson, from Wellington, pointing to the mighty war canoe.

"We're overwhelmed and thankful for all that is happening."

Nelson's teammate Tyler Graves was also beaming with Olympic hopes.

"Although it's only a demonstration boat when we go there, we all have the dream and desire to someday actually compete in the Olympic Games," said the 15-year-old, also from Wellington.

The Cheema crew was selected after beating out several other boats from across the country at a race last August in Welland, Ont.

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Boat's builder

- Robert Fraser, a craftsman from Dartmouth, said building the boat was a challenge, as it was the 67-year-old's first time making a war canoe. He says it was hand-built without using any plans or moulds.
- "Just like the athletes, this was a dream to me," said Fraser, who has built boats since he was a boy.
- It took three and a half months to construct and is built from nine-metre-long sheets of cedar from British Columbia, said Fraser.

WHL

Oil Kings headed to Memorial Cup

The Edmonton Oil Kings built an early lead on Sunday and never relinquished it for a 4-1 victory over the Portland Winterhawks to win the Western Hockey League's Ed Chynoweth Cup.

Edmonton now advances to the Memorial Cup for the first time in modern franchise history, joining the London Knights, defending champion Saint John Sea Dogs and host Shawinigan Cataractes.

The tournament starts May 18. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

CIS football. Huskies' Lauther on target at the East West Bowl

Saint Mary's Huskies kicker Brett Lauther nailed all five of his field-goal attempts at Canadian Interuniversity Sport football's East West Bowl on Saturday.

Lauther added a point-after to finish with 16 points, accounting for two-thirds of the East's offence in a 24-16 win over West at TD Waterhouse Stadium in London, Ont.

The Truro native's longest kick in the showcase of prospects for the 2013 Canadian Football League draft came



Brett Lauther **METRO FILE**

from 32 yards out.

It was the third consecutive win for East. **METRO**

Hockey. Canada-Russia Challenge to be played at the Metro Centre

Another showcase major-junior hockey event is coming to Halifax.

Hockey Canada announced Friday that two of four games in the 2012 Canada-Russia Challenge will be played at the Metro Centre in Halifax, on Monday, Aug. 13 and Tuesday, Aug. 14. The other two games will take place in Yaroslavl, Russia, on Wednesday, Aug. 9 and Thursday, Aug. 10.

The series is being held to celebrate the 40th anni-

versary of the 1972 Summit Series and it will replace Canada's under-20 summer development camp.

The 2013 Canadian Hockey League Top Prospects Game is also coming to Halifax in January.

Prominent Mooseheads Nathan MacKinnon, Jonathan Drouin and Zach Fucale are candidates for the 30-player squad.

Two-game ticket packages are \$86 and go on sale May 18. **METRO**

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SPORTS

Cycling

"That was a tough day. Really happy to hang onto the jersey. The team was incredible again and really showed our strength in the hard beginning of the stage."

Canada's Ryder Hesjedal, who retained the overall leader's jersey at the Giro d'Italia on Sunday with an 11th-place finish in the eighth stage. Hesjedal, from Victoria, is the first Canadian to ever lead the race. Domenico Pozzovivo took the eighth stage thanks to a break just under seven kilometres from the finish of the gruelling 229-kilometre leg to win in six hours six minutes five seconds. Joaquin Rodriguez led the peloton over the line 27 seconds after Pozzovivo to close the gap on Hesjedal to nine seconds in the overall standings.

NHL playoffs

"I am excited it's the Rangers. Anybody that coaches or plays wants to play your main rival in this type of situation. I don't think it gets any better than that."

New Jersey Devils coach Peter DeBoer, whose club kicks off the Eastern Conference final on Monday night against the Rangers after New York's 2-1 Game 7 win over the Washington Capitals on Saturday night.

On the web



John Tavares has yet to make the NHL playoffs, but he still gives his family reason to cheer each spring. The IIHF world hockey championship has become an annual event, and mother Barb Tavares calls John's opportunity to don the Maple Leaf "a dream come true." Scan the code for the story.

Kings right back into swing of things to start Round 3

NHL. No. 8 seed starts West final with victory on road in Arizona

Dwight King scored his second goal of the game into an empty net and the Los Angeles Kings opened the Western Conference final with a 4-2 victory over the Phoenix Coyotes on Sunday night to remain unbeaten on the road in the playoffs.

The Kings dominated early despite a week off and outshot Phoenix 48-27.

Anze Kopitar scored four minutes in, Dustin Brown had a goal and an assist, and King had his first career two-goal game to give the Kings their sixth straight road victory of the playoffs.

Derek Morris beat Jonathan Quick from the centre line, and Mikkel Boedker also scored for the Coyotes, who trail in a series for the first time this year.

This is a Western Conference final few expected.

The Coyotes weren't picked by many to even make the playoffs, entering the season with an unproven No. 1 goalie and no owner for the third straight year.

Grinding and relying on

Game 1

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Kings

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Coyotes

Mike Smith's breakout season in goal, the Coyotes won their first division title as an NHL franchise and beat Chicago and Nashville, two supposedly better teams, in the first two rounds to make their inaugural appearance in the conference finals.

The Kings had expectations, but didn't quite live up to them.

Los Angeles was among the NHL's worst-scoring teams all season, costing coach Terry Murray his job in December, and squeaked into the playoffs as the last team in the West behind Quick's stellar season.

The Kings, too, were underdogs in the playoffs and didn't seem to mind, racing through Vancouver and St. Louis to reach the conference finals for the first time since 1993 and become the first No. 8 seed to knock off the top two teams in the same playoffs.

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Kings captain Dustin Brown celebrates his third-period goal on Sunday beside Phoenix's Rostislav Klesla.

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Ovechkin, Semin on way to worlds

Alex Ovechkin and Alexander Semin will join Russia at the world championship. The pair were ousted from the NHL playoffs Saturday when their Capitals lost 2-1 to the Rangers in Game 7 of the East semifinals.

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NBA

Clippers finish off Grizzlies in Game 7

The Los Angeles Clippers refused to let a third chance to knock the Memphis Grizzlies out of the playoffs slip away.

Kenyon Martin scored seven fourth-quarter points and the Clippers advanced with an 82-72 win in Game 7 on Sunday. The Clippers avoided



Clippers forward Kenyon Martin

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blowing a 3-1 series lead and will face the Spurs starting Tuesday in San Antonio.

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Tennis

Raonic exits Rome after Round 1

Canadian Milos Raonic made a first-round exit at the Italian Open after losing to Germany's Florian Mayer 7-6 (5), 6-4 on Sunday.

Raonic, who was beaten last year in the first round, has yet to earn a win at Foro Italico. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NBA



Oklahoma City's James Harden on Los Angeles' Metta World Peace. The Thunder start their second-round series Monday vs. the Lakers in the first meeting since World Peace — formerly Ron Artest — gave Harden a concussion by hitting him in the head with his elbow.

"I'm not worried about him or what he has to say."

NBA

Heat top Pacers but lose Bosh in the process

LeBron James got his trophy, and then he and Dwyane Wade made sure the Miami Heat got a win in Game 1.

James scored 32 points and grabbed 15 rebounds in his first game as a three-time MVP, Wade finished with 29 and the Heat beat the Indiana Pacers 95-86 to open their second-round series on Sunday.

Chris Bosh scored 13, but left late in the first half with a lower abdominal injury and did not return. The Heat said Bosh will have an MRI to determine the extent of the problem. While returning to the defensive end, Bosh started limping and grabbing at his midsection. He eventually fell to his knees in pain and left with 43.6 seconds to go in the half.

"It's unfortunate Chris went down," Wade said. "But we told him, 'Be healthy. We got 'em.'"

Before the game, NBA Commissioner David Stern handed James the MVP trophy. James is the eighth player to win the award three times.

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LeBron James receives the Most Valuable Player trophy Sunday in Miami. GETTY IMAGES

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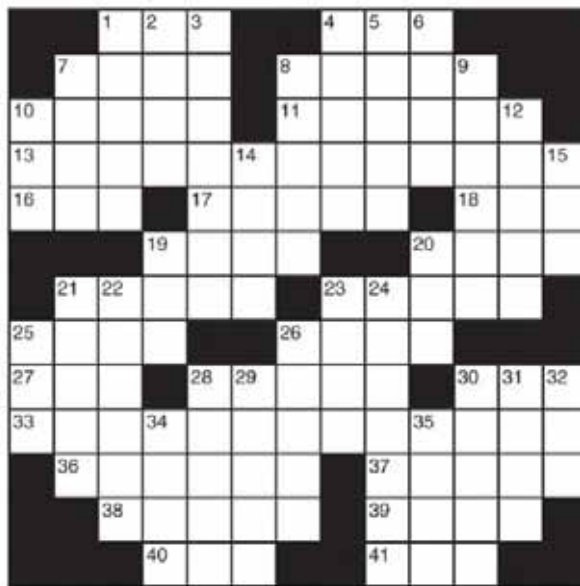
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8 Tenors' solos
10 Gallup writeups
11 Celsius unit
13 Lover's earful
16 Officeholders
17 Leading
18 Past
19 One of the Gospels
20 On
21 Ahab's quarry
23 Senior member
25 Panorama
26 Jackknife, e.g.
27 Savings-plan acronym
28 Wagon-wheel part
30 Perched
33 Nondiscretionary enforcement policy
36 Leisurely walk
37 Prince Harry's mum
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- 1 Losses colour
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6 Ganges wrap
7 Burg
8 Worship
9 Legislative body
10 Letter before omega
12 Give encouragement
14 Sneaker brand
15 Bribe
19 9-Down output
20 Sailor's affirmation
21 Mess behind a desk
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Sudoku



How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Friday's Sudoku

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Friday's Crossword



Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

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♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

You may have to admit that you are out of your depth and that you are not going to reach the target you set yourself.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Don't take risks or take anything for granted. Someone could be setting you up for a fall.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

Don't worry too much if you can't seem to work out what's going on today – it will all become clear as the week progresses.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Do not allow yourself to get drawn into other people's disputes.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

You

will be in a generous mood today. If someone is down on their luck you won't have the heart to turn them away.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

Mars in your sign makes you assertive and ambitious, but don't try to do everything all in one go.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

It does not matter if you are in one of your gloom and doom moods today because by this time tomorrow you will be all smiles again.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov.

Put any feelings of regret or remorse you may have behind you immediately.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec.

21. A minor success can be built into something more important but you've got to be patient.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20.

The message of the stars is that you have nothing to worry about – no, really, nothing at all. By all means take a few chances.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18.

You may be tempted to cut corners today but is that really such a smart idea?

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

Someone you work with is in an unreasonable mood and no doubt it annoys you a lot. But don't stoop to their level and be unreasonable in return because that means they will have won. **SALLY BROMPTON**



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